

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**  
**Justification and Approval**  
**For**  
**Other Than Full and Open Competition**

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, Network Contracting Office 8, VISN 8, VA Caribbean Healthcare System (VACHS, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:** This is a request for other than full and open competition to acquire and install a 3M detection security system at the library of the new administration building, located at the VA Caribbean Healthcare System facility in the San Juan Medical Center. This for a new contract and the type of contract that is being contemplated is a Fixed Firm Price Contract.
3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:** The specific item being procured is a 3M Detection Security System model 3802. It has 42" dual corridors. These corridors are to be installed in the main doors of the Health Science Library (HSL) and the Patient Education Resources Center (PERC) which complement the library's main entrance door of the New Admin Building at the VA Caribbean Healthcare System, San Juan Medical Center. The HSL has to be available to clinical staff at all times, 24 hour a day 7 days a week. During normal business hours, this detection system will notify the library service, via alarm, of any library property attached with its applicable sensors leaving its facility without the appropriate check-out process. After normal business hours, this system will protect all bibliographic resources by activating a signal that will be received by the VA Police Service.

The total estimated value of this project is \$29,135.00 including the installation of the equipment.

Estimated Delivery date is of approximately two weeks.

4. **Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition:**

- (X) (1) Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements per FAR 6.302-1;
- ( ) (2) Unusual and Compelling Urgency per FAR 6.302-2;
- ( ) (3) Industrial Mobilization, Engineering, Developmental or Research Capability or Expert Services per FAR 6.302-3;
- ( ) (4) International Agreement per FAR 6.302-4
- ( ) (5) Authorized or Required by Statute FAR 6.302-5;
- ( ) (6) National Security per FAR 6.302-6;
- ( ) (7) Public Interest per FAR 6.302-7;

**Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition**

**Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability of authority):** Rubali Professionals, Inc. is the 3M authorized distributor and the exclusive distributor for sales, installation, services and maintenance contract of its library products in Puerto Rico. The acquisition and installation of this particular brand equipment is necessary due to that all the bibliographic equipment has had the 3M sensors for over 25 years, only compatible with 3M

detection corridors being procured. Changing brands would result in substantial duplication of costs to and significantly impact Government efforts since all library equipment would have to be cleared of already existing sensors on all equipment to be compatible to any new security corridors. Moreover, further delays would significantly burden the Government to obvious security concerns.

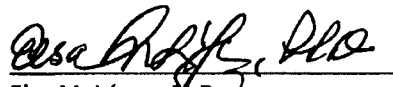
5. **Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:** Actions to ensure offers were solicited from as many certified sources were conducted. 3M was contacted to receive a list of their authorized distributors within the region. We received a letter which establishes Rubali Professionals, Inc. as their authorized and exclusive distributor for sales, installation, services and maintenance contract of its library products in Puerto Rico.

Additionally, costs and manpower to desensitized bibliographic materials were contemplated. However, these costs in addition to costs for new equipment would substantially duplicate costs and efforts for the Government.

Action will be synopsized with the appropriate proposed contract action, intent to sole source, in accordance to FAR part 5.201.

6. **Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:** The anticipated price to the Government for the acquisition and installation of the 3M detection security system service is of \$29,135.00. The price is considered fair and reasonable in consideration with catalog prices and historical data.
7. **Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:** 3M was contacted and inquired to receive a list of the available contractors that were authorized distributors to sell, install and service their products. 3M identified Rubali Professionals, Inc. as their authorized and exclusive distributor for sales, installation, services and maintenance contract of its library products in Puerto Rico.
8. **Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:** Delay of this requirement could impact the Caribbean Healthcare system due to the security concerns above of not having the appropriate security services installed. Not having such services in time will potentially hinder security efforts within our facility and costs for lost equipment and re-procurement of expensive bibliographic equipment can be substantial.
9. **Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition:** See section VI.
10. **A Statement of the Actions, if any, the Agency May Take to Remove or Overcome any Barriers to Competition before Making subsequent acquisitions for the supplies or services required:** No actions are foreseen due to the fact that this system is already in place and replacement of such and installation of new equipment would result in a significant duplication of costs. However, if such system would become obsolete or severely damaged, the subsequent new system shall be competed in accordance to federal acquisition regulations.

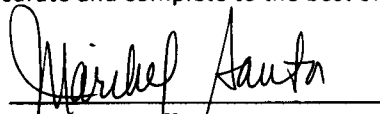
11. **Requirements Certification:** I certify that the requirement outlined in this justification is a Bona Fide need of the Department of Veterans Affairs and that the supporting data under my cognizance, which are included in the justification, are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

  
Elsa M. López, PhD  
Chief Library Service  
VA Caribbean Healthcare System

09/12/2012  
Date

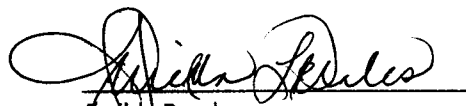
12. **Approvals in accordance with FAR 6.304**

- a. **Contracting Officer's Certification:** (required) I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

  
Contracting Officer  
VA Caribbean Healthcare System

9/18/2012  
Date

- b. **Product Line Supervisor (PLS):** I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

  
Arilda Perales  
Contracting Supervisor  
VA Caribbean Healthcare System

Sep 18, 2012  
Date

- c. **DNCM/NCM:** (SAT to \$500,000) I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.

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Mitchell Thomas  
Network Contract Manager  
VISN 8

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Date

- d. **SAO:** I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.

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David M. Fitzgerald

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Date

Director  
Service Area Office, East

- e. **VHA HCA Review and Approval:** (over \$500,000) I have reviewed the foregoing justification and find it to be complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief and recommend approval (over \$50 million), approve (up to \$ 50 million) for other than full and open competition.

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HCA  
Chief Procurement and Logistics Officer  
VHA Head of Contracting Activity (HCA)

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Date

- f. **VA Deputy Senior Procurement Executive Approval (over \$10 not exceeding \$50 million):** I have reviewed the foregoing justification and find it to be complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief and approve for other than full and open competition.

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Iris B. Cooper  
Deputy Senior Procurement Executive (DSPE)  
Office of Acquisition and Logistics  
Department of Veterans Affairs

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Date

- g. **VHA Senior Procurement Executive Approval (over \$50 million):** I have reviewed the foregoing justification and find it to be complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief and approve for other than full and open competition.

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Jan R. Frye  
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Acquisition and Logistics  
Senior Procurement Executive (SPE)  
Department of Veterans Affairs

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Date